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SUBJECT: FONMIN OHIRA PRESS CONFERENCE MAY 23

1. MORNING PAPERS MAY 24 ALL REPORTED PRESS CONFERENCE GIVEN BY
FONMIN OHIRA AT MOFA ON RETURN FROM US VISIT PREVIOUS AFTERNOON.

2. FONMIN OHIRA EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH OPPORTUNITY
AFFORDED BY VISIT TO CONTINUE CONSTANT DIALOG HE SEEKS WITH US. HE
REPEATED THEME THAT THERE ARE NO PROBLEMS BETWEEN JAPAN AND US, AND
SAID THAT BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH PRESENT STATE OF
US-JAPAN RELATIONS DURING HIGH-LEVEL WASHINGTON TALKS. HE REVIEWED
PROSPECTS FOR JOINT US-JAPAN DEVELOPMENT OF SIBERIA IN SAME VEIN AS
EARLIER PRESS CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON (TOKYO 6729).

3. FONMIN OHIRA DESCRIBED SENSE OF SHOCK AT REPORTS OF
SUCCESSFUL INDIA NUCLEAR TEST, WHICH HE RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON.
IN DISCUSSING THIS NEW DEVELOPMENT DURING VISIT HE SAID THAT US
SIDE EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION IT REPRESENTED
AND THAT US SIDE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT INDIA WOULD ABIDE BY ITS
PUBLIC ASSURANCE THAT NUCLEAR APPLICATION WOULD BE LIMITED TO
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PEACEFUL PURPOSES.

4. FONMIN OHIRA SAID THAT HE GAINED IMPRESSION DURING TALKS IN WASHINGTON THAT US HAS NO INTENTION OF WITHDRAWING FROM ASIA.

5. FONMIN OHIRA SAID THAT ECONOMIC RELATIONS ARE SMOOTH, AND THAT US IMPORTS OF SMALL JAPANESE CARS DOES NOT SEEM TO BE DEVELOPING INTO PROBLEM. HE ALSO SAID THAT FORMER VICE-PRESIDENT HUMPHREY ASSURED HIM THAT MOST AMERICANS WISH TO CONTINUE TO EXPORT AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS TO JAPAN, AND THAT US NOT CONTEMPLATING ANOTHER EMBARGO ON FOODSTUFFS. SHOESMITH

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